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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SYRIANS WOOING RAYMOND EDDE

1. AN NAHAR PUBLISHER AND UN DELEGATE GHASSAN TUENI, NOW IN BEIRUT RECOVERING FROM OPEN HEART SURGERY PERFORMED IN PARIS TWO MONTHS AGO, HAS CONFIRMED REPORT THAT SYRIANS ARE TRYING TO WOO MARONITE LEADER RAYMOND EDDE BACK TO BEIRUT. TUENIS SAYS SAIQA LEADER ZUHAYR MUSHIN HAS CALLED ON EDDE TWICE AT PRINCE DE GALLES AND TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM TO RETURN. HE TOLD EDDE IT WAS NOT SAIQA THAT TRIED TO SHOOT HIM BUT SOMEONE ELSE. IF SAIQA HAD WANTED TO GET HIM THEY WOULD HAVE DONE SO. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE MISSED.

2. EDDE, WHO HAS BEEN ON EDGE OF RETURNING MOMENTARILY FOR SOME MONTHS, HAS CONCLUDED, ACCORDING TO TUENI, THAT THIS IS A SYRIAN TRAP AND HAS DECIDED NOT TO RETURN. HE SAID AS MUCH TO MUHSIN, WHO SAID EDDE MUCH SAFER IN BEIRUT THAN IN PARIS. SYRIANS COULD GET HIM ANY TIME THEY WANTED IN PARIS, WHEREAS HE WOULD HAVE SOME PROTECTION IN BEIRUT.

3. IMPLICATION OF STORY IS THAT SYRIANS WANT EDDE BACK HERE AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO CHAMOUN AND GEMAYELS. GIVEN
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DYNAMICS OF CURRENT SITUATION, DOUBT HE COULD ACTUALLY
PLAY THAT ROLE TO ANY EFFECT FOR LONG AND SURVIVE.
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